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The Honorable Luther H. Hodges
Secretary of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hodges:

I wish to confirm the assignments to the Department of Commerce for preparation of the following portions of the National Intelligence Survey on foreign areas outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc:

Section 41 (Population) - Bureau of the Census
Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) -
Business and Defense Services Administration
Section 65 (Trade and Finance) - Bureau of Foreign Commerce

Satisfactory arrangements, including funding by this Agency, have been concluded with representatives of the above-mentioned components of the Department of Commerce in accordance with the terms of your letter of 23 May 1961.

It is my intention to assist you in every way to develop and maintain highly competent staffs for this work. I am confident that our mutual efforts will further strengthen this vital program in support of the national security.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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May 13 1961

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

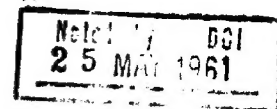
I have your May 13 letter concerning the possibility of making certain assignments to this Department in connection with the National Intelligence Survey.

We shall be very happy to explore this possibility with your designated representative, [redacted] I have accordingly asked Mr. Robert Simpson, Director of the Office of Economic Affairs in our Bureau of Foreign Commerce, together with suitable representatives of the Bureau of the Census and the Business and Defense Services Administration, to get in touch with [redacted] for this purpose.

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Sincerely yours,

Secretary of Commerce



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13 MAY 1961

The Honorable Luther H. Hodges
Secretary of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hodges:

The Department of State has proposed transfer to the Central Intelligence Agency on 1 July 1961 of responsibility for production and maintenance of basic intelligence on foreign countries in the sociological, political, and economic portions of the National Intelligence Survey which have heretofore been performed by the Department of State.

In accepting this responsibility I want to ensure the maximum effective utilization of the established civilian agencies. Specifically, I suggest for your consideration the assignment to the Department of Commerce of the production and maintenance for those portions of the National Intelligence Survey which relate to your departmental responsibilities and facilities. These portions are: Section 41 (Population), Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction), and Section 65 (Trade and Finance).

I have designated [redacted], Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence, to represent me in discussion of the problem with such representatives as you may wish to meet with him.

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Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: NIS Costs in Commerce

Funding arrangements have been concluded with the following components of Department of Commerce to prepare designated NIS sections, with build-up of staffs occurring during FY 1962.

1) Section 41 (Population) - Bureau of Census

Cost FY 62 = - 5 countriesCost FY 63 = - 8 countries

2) Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) - Business and Defense Services Administration

Cost FY 62 = - 4 countriesCost FY 63 = - 8 countries

3) Section 65 (Trade and Finance) - Bureau of Foreign Commerce

Cost FY 62 = - 5 countriesCost FY 63 = - 8 countries

I have found that few anticipate the difficulty of turning out first-class NIS sections, so that costs will probably increase somewhat with more experience in this field. Even so, this level of funding is below average costs of similar staffs in Agriculture and Interior and considerably less than State's.

Assistant Director
Basic Intelligence

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